Ram Kishan, r/o Village Nayagaon, PS Rampur District Saharanpur on 26.5.93 while the other relates to the naked parading of Smt. Shivpatia w/o Moti Lal of Village Dhauna, P.S. Ghoorpur, District Allahabad on 21.1.94.

(c) 'Police' and 'Public Order' are State subjects. It is, therefore, for the State Governments/Union Territories to take necessary steps to protect these weaker sections. The action against culprits and the erring officials for failing to protect these weaker sections also comes within their jurisdiction.

The Government of India has, however, from time to time drawn the attention of the State Governments to the problem of ensuring protection to the weaker sections including Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes and women. Guidelines have been issued to all State Governments, Union Territories detailing the preventive, punitive and rehabilitative measures to be taken to check atrocities against Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes. Besides, Central Government is also closely monitoring trends in such atrocities and accordingly the concerned States/Union Territories are advised from time to time to take necessary preventive measures. The State Governments are also advised to enforce legislation strictly and to strengthen the machinery for such enforcement.

Suggestions made by Vigil India Movement

2957. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in a year-long workshop conducted recently by a Bangalore based organisation—'Vigil India Movement', concern had been expressed over the lack of decentralisation of power under the federal system in India and it had been proposed to amend the Constitution for the purpose;

(b) if so, what precise suggestions were made by them; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) to (c) A delegation of Vigil India Movement had presented a report to the President on 20th Nov. 1993 expressing concern over lack of decentralisation of power under the federal system and also made suggestions for amendment in the Constitution. The Sarkaria Commission on centre-State Relations has already gone into the entire gamut of Centre-State Relations. The Commission has affirmed that the working of the Constitution all these years has demonstrated that its scheme and provisions are basically sound and that no structural changes are called for. The Commission has however made a few recommendations in respect of functional or operational aspect without affecting the structure to ensure and harmonious working of the Centre-State arrangements. The recommendations of the Sarkaria Commission have been referred to the Inter-State Council.

Invitation To NRIs for Investment in Jammu and Kashmir

2958. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that with a view to provide a balanced economic development of the strife torn State of Jammu and Kashmir, Government have decided to invite NRIs to settle, invest and set up industries and trade in the State;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what is the NRIs' response thereto; and

(d) what is the response of different sections of the people of Kashmir to this move?